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TRAFFIC It's happened — the Fairview overpass has been reduced to three lanes.

Motorists expecting a similar situation to Monday's casual jaunt on the Fairview overpass were disappointed yesterday to find crews painting lines and blocking lanes in preparation for a six-month, \$5 million overhaul of the aging inbound overpass.

Traffic will continue to flow outbound on two outer lanes, and inbound on one inner lane.

Patricia Jreige, spokesperson for the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, said drivers should expect delays, and consider alternate routes.

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United Way Delivering a punch to poverty



Karen Meaney from the Department of Health tries her hand at boxing during the United Way's provincial government kickoff at the Halifax Metro Centre yesterday. Hundreds of government employees attended the event and tried various activities. **Story, page 4.**

Smoking ban passes

Council nixes butts for outdoor areas throughout HRM

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Halifax Regional Council voted to ban smoking in hundreds of new outdoor areas across the Halifax Regional Municipality last night.

It was done to protect children from second-hand smoke, though kids don't need to be present at the time. Instead staff will pick a list of areas — such as sports fields and skate parks — that are frequented by children.

Council chose to enact

the new ban through a policy rather than a bylaw. That means it is implemented immediately without public consultation. But there will be a two-month waiting period before staff pick which of HRM's 900 sites will be smoke-free.

Purcell's Cove-Armdale Coun. Linda Mosher proposed the motion after hearing complaints of coaches and parents smoking around children's sports games.

"What kind of message does it send if a coach is standing there smoking?" she asked.

Many councillors said they'd like to go even farther, with Debbie Hum (Rockingham-Wentworth) saying she'd like to ban smoking altogether.

Others questioned whether the policy goes too far. Deputy Mayor David Hendsbee called it "heavy-handed" because smoking could be banned from an entire park just because of a canteen or baseball diamond in one corner.

"You've got to be somewhat reasonable in your approach," Hendsbee said.

Fairview-Clayton Park Coun. Russel Walker said

council should be asking for public opinion rather than "going through the back door" and approving it without consultation.

But when it came time to vote, council unanimously supported the motion.

Two places automatically included in the ban are Point Pleasant Park and Hemlock Ravine Park. Both were already declared smoke free in 2003 because of downed trees from Hurricane Juan could be a fire hazard.

Smoking is also banned on artificial turf fields to protect their surfaces.

RCMP snag standoff suspect

CRIME RCMP have captured an armed man after he fled a rural home near Steviacke following a lengthy standoff.

RCMP spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin says Clifford Carl Brown walked out of the woods about 90 kilometres northeast of Halifax and surrendered to police "without any incident" at 5:50 p.m.

Taplin said the man asked officers if they were "the real police," and then surrendered.

Police had been searching for the man after he unexpectedly "bolted into the woods" with a long gun late in the morning from the rear of the house in Lanesville.

Police had said it wasn't difficult for the suspect to flee even though the house was surrounded by police officers, negotiators and technical specialists.

RCMP officers on the scene didn't fire any shots when the man fled.

The standoff began Monday morning after police got a call from a local woman who told them someone had shot at her husband's vehicle as he drove down a road.

Police said several shots were fired from the home as police attempted to establish communication, but the man refused to negotiate. The situation escalated briefly yesterday when a man came out of the house shouting incoherently.

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Casey urges action to avoid NSCC strike

Progressive Conservative interim leader Karen Casey, left, is calling on Minister of Education Marilyn More to "take immediate action" to resolve a possible labour stoppage at the Nova Scotia Community College. The union representing the NSCC faculty and support staff are meeting tomorrow to decide a strike date after negotiations broke off last Friday. There are 930 workers in a legal strike position at NSCC, with its union seeking at least a 2.9 per cent increase this year and next year, which would put them on par with public school teachers. METRO HALIFAX



Majority report good health: Survey

RESULTS Capital Health released the results of an extensive health survey Monday night at the first of several "community conversations," and some of the results may be surprising.

According to Capital Health, of the 2,800 people surveyed, 62 per cent were either overweight or obese, 44 per cent were physically inactive, and 65 per cent experience stress daily.

Despite these results, 89 per cent of those surveyed rated their own health as good, very good or excellent.

Capital Health will host a series of "community conversations" throughout October.

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Government House repairs almost done

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MANION Close to three years and about \$6 million worth of renovations to Government House are almost complete.

The province's Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal held a technical tour briefing for media yesterday at the 205-year-old mansion, which has been undergoing renovations since December of 2006.

Project manager Ron Jeppesen said they expect final touches to the home that houses the province's lieutenant-governor to be complete by the end of the month.

"We're about two-and-a-half weeks to construction completion," Jeppesen said as he stood inside the mansion's second-floor drawing room. "We have some cleaning to do — windows, floors, everything has to get clean — then the furniture starts to get placed."

Most of the work done to the house are things you don't see. The entire sprinkler and electrical systems were replaced, and there are also brand-new heating, plumbing and ventilation systems. Architectural finishes were also done, which took a great deal of time.

Speaking of time, it was initially thought this renovation project would take about two years, but that was bumped to close to three when a "destructive analysis" was done on the building to "find out what was wrong."

As well, an early cost estimate of \$3.3 million grew to just over \$6 million.



Project manager Ron Jeppesen stands inside the drawing room at Government House yesterday, as the final renovations to the mansion of the province's lieutenant-governor are scheduled for completion by the end of this month.

Moving day

• Lt.-Gov. Mayann Francis is scheduled to move into the renovated Government House sometime next month. Francis has been living in her own residence in the meantime.

"That wasn't a budget — it was a figure arrived at about two years before we started here," Jeppesen said of the difference between the two figures.

Of course, some taxpayers might not be thrilled to

see this amount of money going towards renovations for the living quarters of the province's Queen representative. But Jeppesen said he feels this is money well spent.

"Why would you not be my question," he said. "This is one of the three most important buildings in the province — culturally and historically."

"You have a choice. You either look after your historic buildings or you don't. If you don't, they slide into disrepair and ruin — almost the state where this one was."

N.S. resident shares Nobel

Physics prize awarded for CCD sensor used in digital cameras

Halifax resident Willard Boyle is reminded all the time about the work he did 40 years ago that led to him sharing the 2009 Nobel Prize in physics yesterday.

"When I go around these days and see everybody using our little digital cameras everywhere, although they don't use exactly our CCD, it started it all," Boyle said after learning he is sharing the prestigious award with Americans George E. Smith and Charles K. Kao.

Boyle, 85, who was born and raised in Amherst, and now makes his home in Halifax, invented with Smith an imaging semiconductor circuit known as the CCD sensor.

The device is the eye of digital cameras and is also used in delicate surgical instruments.

In its citation, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said "CCD technology makes use of the photoelectric effect, as theorized by Albert Einstein and for which he was awarded the 1921 year's Nobel Prize."

The two men, working at Bell Labs in New Jersey, designed an image sensor that could transform light into a large number of image points, or pixels, in a short time.

"It revolutionized photography, as light could now be

Purse split

• The award's \$1.4-million US purse will be split between the three winners, with Charles K. Kao taking half and Willard Boyle and George E. Smith each getting a fourth.

captured electronically instead of on film," the academy said.

Boyle said the biggest achievement resulting from his work was when images of Mars were transmitted back to Earth using digital cameras.

Harold Crowell, who is a friend of Boyle's and lives in the same Halifax waterfront condominium building, said he was proud and excited by his friend's win.

"He's a great guy to know. He's an amazing guy," Crowell said.

"He's always got lots of good stories and he's enthusiastic about doing things."

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Juno Award-winning artist Serena Ryder is returning to Halifax for a show at St. Matthew's United Church on Friday, Nov. 27, at 8 p.m. Ryder is touring in support of her latest release, *Is it O.K.* Tickets go on sale Friday at 10 a.m. and cost \$27.50 (ticketpro.ca). **METRO HALIFAX**

Crosswalk signs reach dead end?

HRM gives up on lobbying

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The move to bring crosswalk flags to the Halifax Regional Municipality appears to be dead.

The province and city hall had been tossing it back and forth. Both made supportive statements but because of liability concerns no one wanted to sign off on the signs.

Instead they kept saying it was the other guys' responsibility. But Halifax regional council broke the stalemate last night by voting against continuing to urge the province to approve the signs.

After numerous councillors expressed concerns about liability and giving pedestrians a false sense of security, council voted 16-5

against sending another letter lobbying for the orange, fluorescent signs.

"Giving people a false sense of security while crossing the street is the worst thing we could do," said downtown Halifax Coun. Dawn Sloane.

The signs first popped up a year ago when community volunteers were allowed to try a pilot project on Waverley Road in Dartmouth. It was well received by residents but the HRM Traffic Authority said they couldn't continue because the signs weren't approved traffic devices.

Former councillor Andrew Younger has a bill in front of province house to explicitly allow the signs. But Transportation Minister Bill Estabrooks has already said the NDP will not support it.

Gaming ads bring call for resignations

ATHLETES An anti-gambling group is calling for the resignation of Nova Scotia Gaming Corp. executives over an advertising campaign that features young athletes.

Members of GameOverVLTs.com says the gaming corporation has violated its own advertising standards with its Support 4 Sport campaign.

Group director Terry Fulmer says Nova Scotia Gaming "is using underage and youth athletes to promote gambling."

The gaming corporation has been running a series of television commercials profiling young Nova Scotia athletes who have received funds for training from gaming revenues.

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Training Simulated fire



Firefighters Tony Peers and Bill Brown drag a 150-pound dummy from a building in Shannon Park during a simulated fire scenario yesterday afternoon. All paid and many volunteer firefighters will be taking part in the training which will continue until the end of the month. Smoke machines and theatrical lighting are being used to help simulate an actual fire.

Dalhousie reports rising enrolment

UNIVERSITY Numbers are up at Dalhousie University.

Overall enrolment has increased by roughly four per cent, with 650 more full- and part-time students cracking books than this time last year, according to Dalhousie release issued yesterday. Those numbers do not include students enrolled at the University of King's College, many of whom also study on Dal's campus.

The number of graduate and first-year students has also increased, up 2.4 and 2.2 per cent respectively. A jump in the number of transfer students helped to increase the numbers, with 1,122 registering this year.

Overall enrolment of full- and part-time students at Dalhousie this fall is 15,970. **METRO HALIFAX**

Dexter calls on Nova Scotians to keep giving

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"Nova Scotians ... have a long and rich history of going beyond the call of duty when it comes to contributing to charities."

Premier Darrell Dexter

Premier Darrell Dexter has faith Nova Scotians will continue to give generously despite a tough economic climate.

"Nova Scotians, and really Maritimers, have a long and rich history of going beyond the call of duty when it comes to contributing to charities," Dexter said at yesterday's United Way provincial government kickoff event at the Halifax Metro Centre. "And even in tough economic times, and sometimes because of tough

economic times, Nova Scotians, Maritimers, recognize the necessity ... to contribute."

Dexter was on hand with 800 government employees to kick off the province's annual fundraising drive at the Metro Centre. This year's event, spearheaded by the Department of Health Promotion and Protection,

featured various sporting organizations to promote healthy living. The goal is to raise \$475,000 from government employees alone — \$4,000 more than last year's total.

Catherine Woodman, president and CEO of United Way's Halifax region, said government employees are an important part of the United Way's overall

fundraising goals. "Last year the provincial campaign was an extremely important contributor to the ... United Way's accomplishments in this region," she said.

While government employees squared off in everything from badminton to boxing, Dexter said he unfortunately did not have time to take part in the fun.

"The fun day for me is question period," Dexter quipped. "(It is) various kinds of fun on various days. I wish I had some extra time, I'd certainly love to go over and shoot some hoops."

We could use a little neighbourly advice.

The survey results are in and the results may surprise you.

Capital Health

Capital Health recently conducted a survey asking people about their health. Here are just a few things you told us:

- A lot of us are overweight and don't get enough exercise.
- Many of us have a chronic disease, and are concerned about accessing health services.
- We are stressed out by our work.

But what else did the survey reveal? And how can we use the information to improve the health of our communities?

We need your help and advice in setting priorities. Join us for a community conversation nearest you and tell us what you think. And bring your neighbours.

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3844 Joseph Howe Drive, Halifax

Southeastern Community Health Board
Oct. 8 Cole Harbour Library
Cole Harbour Place
51 Forest Hills Parkway
Dartmouth

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West Hants/Uniacke Community Health Board

Cobequid Community Health Board

Record week for cruise ships

PORT The Port of Halifax is breaking records for cruise ship numbers this week, hosting 16 ships in five days.

The total capacity of the ships is a whopping 27,657 passengers, with over 11,000 passengers expected in the port tomorrow alone.

The numbers are helped by ships diverted due to weather, requesting to make port.

According to the Halifax Port Authority, the direct impact of cruise ships visiting Halifax this season is estimated to be \$50 million to the region, and each cruise ship visit means approximately 2.3 work hours for people in the local economy. **METRO HALIFAX**

Cops taking aim at seatbelt enforcement

Halifax Regional Police said in a release yesterday it's focusing on seatbelt enforcement during the month of October. Failing to buckle up in a vehicle carries a fine of \$164.50. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Jonathan Torrens munches on a piece of toast as he poses for a photo at the Ardmore Tea Room in Halifax last week. Torrens is back home in Nova Scotia and will be hosting a new show called TV with TV's Jonathan Torrens.

Torrens takes a heartfelt look at TV

New show will explore history of industry

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Jonathan Torrens is feeling "squishy" these days.

But the 37-year-old Canadian television personality isn't referring to his waistline. He's talking about something else that changes with age — the warm and fuzzy nostalgia he's grown for times and TV shows gone by.

That's why Torrens has returned from Los Angeles to live and work full time in his home province of Nova Scotia, where he can pour his creative juices into projects he's passionate about and even work with family. He and sister Jackie Torrens are co-writers for his latest venture, TV with TV's Jonathan Torrens, a weekly half-hour examination of the ever-evolving world of television that is produced in Halifax by Ar-

Show info

• Tune in to TV with TV's Jonathan Torrens every Friday at 10:30 p.m. on TVtropolis. The show repeats Saturdays at midnight.

cadia Entertainment and hits airwaves across the country this Friday.

"Everything nowadays is so cocked-eyebrow, smarmy, too-cool-for-the-room kind of stuff," Torrens said of television today. "To do a show that is ... heartfelt about the history of TV (shows) ... it doesn't make sense to cock your eyebrow and make fun of them."

Instead, Torrens takes an honest look at the shows we used to know and have come to know, with each of 13 episodes in his first season tackling a different genre, from reality television to paranormal and crime shows. "I guess my

question is, 'Was TV actually better when I was a kid, or am I just nostalgic for a simpler time in my life?'"

The truth about TV, he said, is "probably a combo platter," but Torrens doesn't "think that teenagers watching The Hills are moved in the same way that I was (watching) Family Ties."

The Charlottetown-born, Halifax-raised Torrens, himself a nostalgic figure for those who grew up watching Street Cents and Jonovision, wears "more hats" for his latest project, which includes his first kick at the can as director.

And while viewers can expect amusing skits and wit from TV with TV's JT, he warns not to expect all laughs, something he garnered easily as rapper wannabe J-Roc on the Trailer Park Boys.

"It's not a comedy show, it's a show about TV," he said.

Nocturne fest has many offerings

ART The organizers of the second annual Nocturne: Art at Night festival seem to be taking their "Art Now, Sleep Later" slogan seriously.

The free one-night-only festival, which showcases and celebrates the local art scene in Halifax, will take place on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 6 p.m. to midnight.

This year's program — a hefty 48-page tome including listings for 32 galleries, 39 independent exhibits, and various activities that will be taking place over the course of the night — is now being circulated throughout Halifax.

The program also features a map of the participating venues, as well as

routes that include walking tours, departing every two hours from Grand Parade. Halifax's downtown will once again play host to the largest number of activities, but there will also be plenty to see and do in the ever-artsy north end, the NSCAD Port Campus, and at Alderney Landing.

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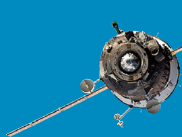
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Cirque boss to get hefty bill

The final tab for Guy Laliberte's visit to the International Space Station could rise to nearly \$50 million after this week's elaborate international show linking the Cirque du Soleil founder with his terrestrial counterparts (pictured is TMA-16 spacecraft carrying Laliberte). Cirque officials confirmed their boss would get hit with another bill which will see 42 performers, 14 cities, and five continents linked to a video show hosted from the space station. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Church, police may have failed: Bishop

ALLEGATIONS The archbishop of St. John's says the police and the church may have failed Shane Earle, a Newfoundland teen who alleged two decades ago he witnessed that a Catholic priest had child pornography magazines in his house.

Archbishop Martin Currie says it's not clear anything was done about an accusation from the late 1980s that involved Bishop Raymond Lahey, who's charged with importing and possessing child pornography in Ontario and is scheduled to appear in court on Nov. 4.

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Toronto Prostitution law challenge



Dominator Terri-Jean Bedford, left, carries a riding crop while arriving at Ontario Superior Court with sex workers advocate Valerie Scott in Toronto yesterday. The Toronto dominatrix and two other sex workers launched a constitutional challenge to Canada's prostitution laws.

Survivor talks on polygamy

Makes claims of rape and abuse

KRISTEN THOMPSON
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Crusader fights

• When charges against two polygamist leaders from Bountiful were quashed by a B.C. Supreme Court judge, Audrey Vance became determined to find another avenue to break up a community she says violates women's rights.

Vance is the co-chair of Altering Destiny through Education, a Creston-based organization that helps women escape the nearby polygamist community.

"Just because we've had a set-back, we can't quit," she said, with regards to the Sept. 22 decision made not to charge Winston Blackmore and James Oler with polygamy.

But Vance said the right to religious freedom is trumping the rights of women and children. "We've been making big allowances ... because we want to be seen as (tolerant)," she said.

Living in polygamy is like living an Orwellian nightmare, says a former Bountiful resident and daughter of one of the founders of the community.

Brenda Jensen said her life was like that of the characters in Animal Farm, where the community lived in fear and was governed by corrupt, ignorant and greedy leaders.

"Polygamy is an empty black hole," said Jensen, 58. "It sucks the life out of life. I hated everything to do with it. I hated polygamy."

Jensen, who now lives in Nevada, said girls were raped and were told the abuse was a "lesson from God." The boys, she said, were given "carte blanche."

Jensen was a teenager when her father, Harold Blackmore, moved the family — including his two wives and dozen children — away from the fundamentalist Mormon community, which he called the "holy mafia."

"The more wives (the men) have, the more children and the more welfare," Jensen said.

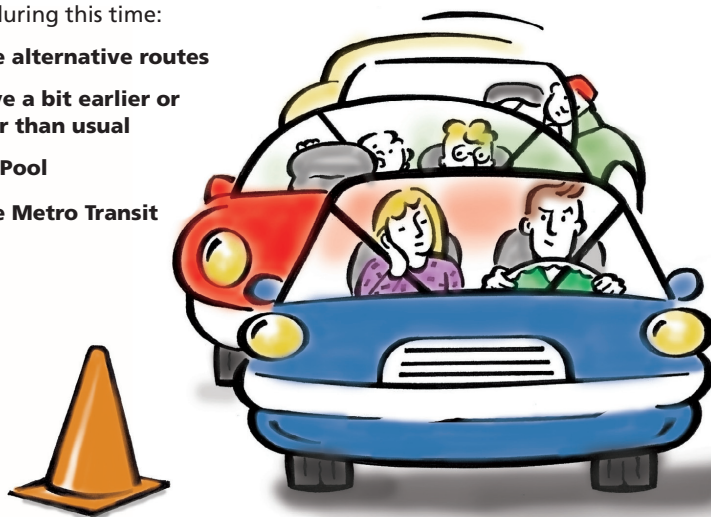
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More turning to food banks: Report

ECONOMY The economic downturn has forced more Canadians to turn to food banks and feeding programs, says a new report from the Salvation Army.

The organization, billed as the largest non-governmental direct provider of social services in Canada, has more than 275 food banks and feeding programs across Canada.

A survey of staff across the country found that 72 per cent of respondents said demand for food services has increased during the last 12 months. About 40 per cent said food donations have declined, while 23 per cent noted an in-

crease, according to results released yesterday. Almost 24 per cent said donations had remained the same.

"Everything that's coming in is immediately getting packed into food packages to give out to families as they're coming through," said Linda Wilson, a frontline Salvation Army worker in Windsor, Ont., which has one of the highest unemployment rates in the country.

"It's a little bit frightening for us to think about how we're going to meet the need, and we don't see anything changing any time soon."

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Fat helps flying?

A U.S. military study was held recently to figure out what types of foods were best for pilots if missions restricted when and what they could eat. The study found those who ate the fattiest foods had the quickest response times in mental tests, and made fewer mistakes when flying in tricky conditions. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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World



Shedding new light on Stonehenge?

The discovery of a small prehistoric circle of stones near Stonehenge may confirm the theory that the mysterious monument in southwest England was part of a massive funeral complex built around a river, researchers said yesterday. The new find shows that the second stone circle — dubbed “Bluehenge” because it was built with bluestones — once stood next to the River Avon about three kilometres from Stonehenge. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

News in brief

BRAZIL Brazilian police say they are hunting for a TV crime show host and former state legislator who is accused of commissioning killings to boost ratings. Agents say they haven't yet been able to find Wallace Souza. Authorities say the 51-year-old Souza orchestrated five killings to increase ratings for his Canal Livre show that featured graphic footage of crime victims.

ARREST Interpol agents have arrested one of the most wanted suspects in Rwanda's 1994 genocide, a former top intelligence official accused of sending soldiers to execute the Rwandan queen. Officers arrested former Rwandan deputy intelligence chief, Idelphonse Nizeyimana, on Monday in Kampala. Estimates range that between 500,000 to 1,100,000 of the Tutsi ethnic minority and moderates from the Hutu majority were slaughtered during the 100-day Rwandan genocide in 1994. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Report: 2 million childbirth deaths

More than two million babies and mothers die worldwide each year from childbirth complications, outnumbering child deaths from malaria and HIV/AIDS, according to a study released yesterday.

The study, launched at the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics world congress in South Africa, also showed that such deaths could be easily avoided.

“The world will continue to miss the unheard cry of the 230 babies who die every hour from childbirth complications,” unless there is better planning and implementation of policies.

Some 1.02 million babies are stillborn and another 904,000 die soon after birth. By comparison, 820,000 children die from malaria

and 208,000 from HIV/AIDS worldwide. About 42 per cent of the world's 536,000 maternal deaths also occur during childbirth, according to the study. Africa and South Asia account for three-quarters of the deaths.

“Each death is a tragedy to a family — actually a double tragedy since almost all these deaths could be prevented,” said Joy Lawn, who runs Save the Children's Saving Newborn Lives campaign. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Pakistan Barrel of monkeys



People watch a roadside monkey show in Lahore yesterday. These shows are usually seen in Pakistani rural areas and spectators offer money to owners of these animals. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Cruelty videos at centre of case

FREE SPEECH U.S. Supreme Court justices, skeptical of a law aimed at graphic animal cruelty videos, touched yesterday on dog fights, bull fights, cock fights, bow-and-arrow hunting, even a hypothetical television channel devoted to human sacrifice. Oh, yes, and freedom of speech. The court weighed arguments over a 10-year-old law that bans the production and sale of the videos. A federal appeals court struck down the law and invalidated the conviction of Robert Stevens, who was sentenced to three years in prison for videos he made about pit bull fights.

In the end, the justices appeared inclined to agree that the law is too broad and could, in some instances, apply to videos about hunting. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Comment

We could learn from U.K. politics

TheWestView

Paul Sullivan

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Is it just me, or are Canadian politics dull and uninspiring? I'm in London getting a close-up of the blood sport known as politics in the U.K. It makes what we do in Canada look like Nerf politics.

It's political convention season in England. Add an upcoming national election (May 6, 2010), and the likely prospect hapless Gordon Brown and Labour will be swept by David Cameron and his new, improved Tories, and the frenzy is fevered. The fever is frenzied? Works either way.

Last week, PM Brown tried to storm off a TV set when the host asked if he was on meds. Sadly, his dramatic exit was thwarted by a lapel mike so he had to sit down and get unhooked.

Then came treachery

from former ally Rupert Murdoch, whose Sun, the biggest paper in the U.K., declared for Cameron and his Tories: "Labour's Lost It!" roared the traitorous tab, causing a union leader to tear up a copy on the convention stage.

Then you have internecine warfare as Cameron fights off a challenge from fellow Tory and "euroskeptic" Boris Johnson, the mayor of London, who wants a referendum on the European Union, main-

ly because Labour arch-fiend Tony Blair could end up as the president of the EU at the precise moment the Tories ascend to power.

And the media! Even on a bad day — complicated by wedgies — Canadian ink-stained wretches don't come close to the savage punditry displayed by the Brits on an "ordinary" day.

These guys make you gasp. Imagine a Canadian calling the cabinet "morons, sleazeballs and incom-

petents" as did the Telegraph's Simon Heffer. Or if Globe cartoonist Brian Gable had drawn Michael Ignatieff sporting bared breasts, as the Times did to David Cameron, under the title "Tory party conference pinup," with the caption: "Cameron enjoys the Sun but he has his knockers."

These U.K. media jackals may be crude, but they are invariably clever. And there are so many of them. Here, at least, there are no long lines of unemployed pundits. So every point of view is expressed ... and ex-

pressed ... and expressed. The net effect is engaging. Politics matter almost as much as the soccer scores. People believe politicians can still be accountable, and the media aren't completely cowed. When was the last time someone asked a Canadian politician if he/she was on meds?

The net effect is also inspiring. Canadian morons, sleazeballs and incompetents, take note.

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Word on the street: Do the arrests of religious leaders have an impact on your beliefs?

Khadem Miah

age 48, Toronto

A: Anyone who does any kind of crimes, especially serious crimes, are not religious.

Leoda Bielewicz

age 40, Beaver Bank

A: No, it doesn't affect my beliefs. My belief is in God not in an individual who did something wrong.

George Mitchell

age 68, Halifax

A: No, I don't have beliefs. I believe in reason if you like, evidence not superstition.

Tom Bator

age 25, Halifax

A: I'm an atheist so not really. I think there are some social problems within the Catholic Church that breed these sort of events.

Maria Springer

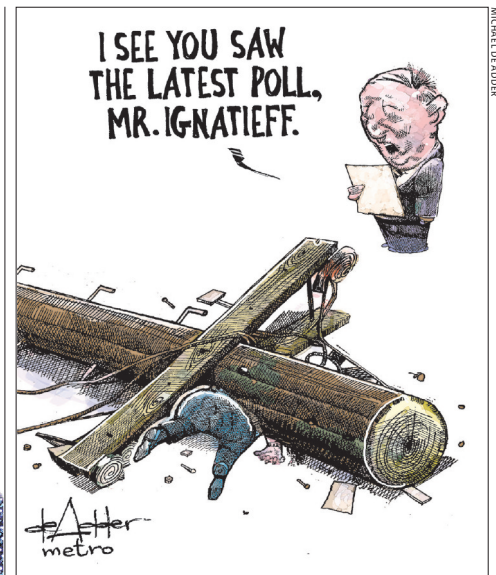
age 45, Toronto

A: No. We all believe in what we want to believe in and everyone should be able to believe in what they want.

Nahielly Fernandez

age 20, Ottawa

A: I feel sorry for the families of the victims. It's a shame these things keep coming up, but it doesn't affect me. I'm not Catholic or anything.



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38% of Canadians approached by scam artists last year: Survey

A survey released Monday suggests thirty-eight per cent of Canadians were approached by investment scam artists last year, CBC News Online reports. More than 6,300 Canadians were polled in the survey, which was commissioned by the Canadian Securities Administrators. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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TSX soars as U.S. dollar continues to weaken

ECONOMY The Toronto stock market gained more than two per cent in late morning trading yesterday as commodity prices soared in response to a weakening U.S. dollar.

The S&P/TSX composite index saw broad-based gains, but was led by the gold sector as it added 240.05 points to 11,342.67.

Both oil and gold gained

substantially as the U.S. dollar continued to weaken amid fears that inflation will result from massive stimulus spending, boosting the commodity heavy TSX.

The weakening greenback also caused the loonie to soar. The dollar added 1.16 cents to 94.61 cents US. This followed a report that Arab states and other countries were contemplating an end to the U.S. currency's role in the pricing of oil.

Paul Vaillancourt at Franklin Templeton Managed Solutions said concerns that the U.S. dollar will lose its status as the global currency are pushing gold to a "pseudo-currency" status.

"What's driving gold today is the fear of looming massive inflation, and I think that is something that's preoccupying the markets," Vaillancourt said.

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EI premiums could rise, says analysis

Canadian workers could see employment insurance premiums rise by \$632 over four years while employers may face even bigger hikes if the government is to meet economic update targets, according to economist forecaster Dale Orr of Economic Insight.



Jim Flaherty

The analysis, released yesterday, estimates that Finance Minister Jim Flaherty's revenue projections on the EI account builds in a sizable employment tax hike for both workers and employers of about \$15.5 billion by the 2014-15 timetable laid out in last month's update. When it issued the update, Ottawa said it could return to balancing the budget after the 2014-15 fiscal year without raising taxes, but did acknowledge it will likely entail increases in EI premiums to balance the account

over time.

The new analysis puts a figure on just what it will take to do so.

Economist Dale Orr says premiums must rise from the current \$1.73 per \$100 of earnings — which will be frozen for another year — to \$2.33 over the next five years.

That will result in an accumulated extra payment of \$632 for every worker earning more than the bottom threshold of \$42,300.

As well, employers will need to fork over about \$884 per worker during the period.

"The government may not call it a tax, but if it quacks like a duck, it's a duck," said Orr in an interview.

The economist added that employment taxes are among the worst a government can levy because it discourages employers

from hiring by making employees more expensive.

Orr, who usually does not make recommendations in his report cards on government fiscal policies, made an exception in this case, saying Ottawa would do better to increase the GST by one point for two years to make up the difference.

He said if Ottawa were to do neither — raise premiums or the GST — it would set the date for balancing the budget back by about two years, to 2017-18.

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Canwest Global receives approval for court protection

MEDIA Canwest Global Communications Corp., owner of Global Television and the National Post newspaper, has received court approval for a bankruptcy restructuring that affects a chunk of its operations and puts the media company's ownership potentially into foreign hands.

The approval from Ontario's Superior Court of Justice starts the ball rolling for proceedings under the federal bankruptcy protection law for several major Canwest divisions, as the company works to restructure a mountain of debt.

The bankruptcy filing affects just over a fifth of the company's businesses, or

Background

• Canwest has been struggling for the last two years to deal with a \$4-billion debt load, which the Winnipeg-based broadcaster took on when it bought the former Southam newspapers and the National Post earlier this decade.

1,700 of its more than 7,000 employees.

But it also excludes most of its big-city newspapers, specialty TV channels and other properties, which suggests that a streamlining of Canwest may not lead to widespread cuts or job losses.

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Business in brief

AIRCRAFT Boeing said yesterday it expects to record a charge of \$1 billion in the third quarter due to higher costs in its 747-8 program and difficult market conditions. About \$640 million of the charge reflects higher estimated costs to produce 747-8 airplanes at Boeing

and its suppliers, Boeing said. Higher fixed expenses and penalties to suppliers are the main drivers of the additional costs, Boeing said. Boeing is grappling with dwindling orders during the global recession.

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Three-way battle emerges as Bell, Telus enter iPhone market

SMARTPHONE BCE Inc.'s Bell Canada and Telus Corp. say they will begin offering two models of the Apple iPhone smartphone in November, a move that will put added pressure on rival Rogers Communications.

It remains to be seen what will happen to Canadian prices for iPhones and related wireless services, now that Rogers has lost its exclusivity and there will be three-way competition among the longtime rivals.

It will be the first time Bell or Telus have offered Apple smartphones, which have only worked in Canada on the Rogers wireless network.

It's been anticipated for

months that Canada's No. 2 and No. 3 wireless companies after Rogers would begin offering Apple smartphones once they rolled out their new wireless networks.

Bell announced Monday that its new high-speed wireless network will be ready across the country in November, ahead of its original deadline.

Bell and Telus said yesterday in separate announcements that they will start offering the iPhone 3G and iPhone 3GS in November.

Neither provided details on prices or specific availability dates.

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Building permit values increased in August

STATSCAN The value of building permits totalled \$5 billion in August, up 7.2 per cent from July.

Statistics Canada reports the bulk of the increase came in Ontario and British Columbia.

The agency says the end of the municipal employees strike in Toronto in July contributed to the increase — if Toronto is excluded, the total value of building permits rose by 0.8 per

cent.

Meanwhile, the largest declines in the value of building permits came in Saskatchewan, Quebec, New Brunswick, Manitoba and Nova Scotia.

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Quarterback Jack Creighton and kicker Justin Palardy of the Saint Mary's Huskies earned weekly honours from Atlantic University Sport yesterday. Creighton was named offensive player of the week and Palardy took the special teams award. **METRO HALIFAX**

Sports

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Gordon earns spot on high-powered line

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Andrew Gordon has stepped onto one of the American Hockey League's top lines and made himself at home.

The Porters Lake native has returned to the Calder Cup champion Hershey Bears for his third pro season and is getting a shot with AHL most valuable player and 60-goal scorer Alexandre Giroux and 100-point threat Keith Aucoin.

The prime position opened up after the departure of free agent Graham Mink. Gordon got off to a fantastic start by potting a hat trick in the Bears' opener last weekend.

"They're gonna make me look good, that's for sure," Gordon told the Lebanon



Andrew Gordon is playing on the Hershey Bears' top line.

Daily News. "You play with a great shooter, you play with a great disher, you've got a little bit of everything."

The 23-year-old is on the final year of a three-year entry-level contract with the Washington Capitals. He had 21 goals and 24 assists for 45 points in 80 games last season and made his NHL debut with the Capitals in December.

If he can keep the spot all season, it could help him progress toward a full-time NHL job in 2010-11.

Sports in brief

QMJHL The Prince Edward Island Rocket fired head coach Guy Chouinard yesterday after the team's 5-3-2 start. Chouinard, who also served as director of hockey operations, has 569 career

victories as a QMJHL head coach. The offensively-gifted Rocket had lost three of its last five, including Sunday's 7-2 road setback to the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies.

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Upset eludes Herd

Mooseheads come close to beating QMJHL's top team

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The Halifax Mooseheads let one slip away against the No. 1 team in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

The last-place Mooseheads had a solid 4-2 lead early in the third period last night but were unable to hang on, surrendering three goals in a two-minute, 33-second stretch before ultimately falling 6-5 to the host Gatineau Olympiques.

The loss leaves the Mooseheads with a 1-9 record as they return home from a three-game road trip to Quebec. They host the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies on Friday.

The Olympiques, who now sit atop the QMJHL standings with an 8-2 record, scored four unanswered goals in the third to grab a 6-4 lead. Two came on the power play.

"They scored three pretty quick goals," said Mooseheads head coach Cam Russell. "We got into penalty trouble and had untimely turnovers that ended up in the back of our net."

Travis Randell's fifth goal in four games drew Halifax to within a goal with 1:21 to go but they couldn't tie it.

The Mooseheads got the most out of their veterans,



Linden Bahm scored for the Mooseheads last night.

with 20-year-olds Linden Bahm and Yuri Cheremetiev finding the net along with 19-year-olds Tomas Knotek and Gerrad Grant. Defenceman Pascal Amyot, 19, picked up two assists.

"That's what those guys are there for," Russell said. "The older guys have to be

the guys contributing and leading the way. You can't expect 17-year-old kids to do that every night."

Rookie forward Carl Gelinas also had two assists

Mooseheads rookie goaltender Joel Gironid got the start and allowed six goals on 26 shots, while the Olympiques went three-for-

Slashing incident

• Former Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Joe DiPenta has received a one-game suspension from the American Hockey League after an ugly slashing incident on Saturday night.

DiPenta, who plays for the Portland Pirates, two-handed Kip Brennan of the Springfield Falcons. The 30-year-old Cole Harbour native signed a one-year contract with the Buffalo Sabres in the summer but didn't crack the NHL roster.

• Video of the slashing incident is available at www.metronews.ca/qfiles.

five with the man advantage.

Russell was happy to see his team score five goals against the Olympiques, building on their six-goal outburst on Saturday's victory over the Val-d'Or Foreurs.

"Scoring has been one of our problems and to have any kind of success we're going to have to do that," he said.

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QMJHL

ATLANTIC DIVISION									
GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pts		
Moncton	9	6	2	0	1	33	23	13	
Saint John	10	6	3	1	0	39	40	13	
P.E.I.	10	5	3	0	2	30	32	12	
Acadie-Bathurst	10	4	3	2	1	26	26	11	
Cape Breton	8	4	2	1	1	30	31	10	
Halifax	10	1	9	0	0	30	46	2	

CENTRAL DIVISION									
GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pts		
Drummondville	9	7	1	0	1	37	17	15	
Victoriaville	10	6	3	0	1	32	30	13	
Lewiston	8	6	2	0	0	32	20	12	
Shawinigan	7	4	2	0	1	24	32	9	

EAST DIVISION									
GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pts		
Quebec	10	6	2	1	1	43	34	14	
Rimouski	10	3	4	3	0	32	47	9	
Chicoutimi	9	2	4	0	3	23	41	7	
Baie-Comeau	10	2	7	1	0	21	45	5	

ATLANTIC DIVISION									
GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pts		
Gatineau	10	8	2	0	0	44	22	16	
Rouyn-Noranda	10	6	3	1	0	39	29	13	
Montreal	9	6	3	0	0	39	29	12	
Val-d'Or	11	3	7	1	0	40	52	7	

Note: Two points for a win; one for an overtime or shootout loss.

Moncton 9 Baie-Comeau 2
Gatineau 6 **HALIFAX** 5
Rimouski 5 Acadie-Bathurst 4 (OT)

TODAY'S GAMES
Rouyn-Noranda at Cape Breton, 8 p.m.
Moncton at Chicoutimi, 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAME
Shawinigan at Baie-Comeau, 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAME
Rouyn-Noranda at Halifax, 8 p.m.
Lewiston at Acadie-Bathurst, 8:30 p.m.
Shawinigan at Chicoutimi, 8:30 p.m.
Victoriaville at Drummondville, 8:30 p.m.
Val-d'Or at Gatineau, 8:30 p.m.
Quebec at Rimouski, 8:30 p.m.

CIS FOOTBALL

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE									
GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pts			
St. F. Xavier	4	4	0	0	130	64	8		
Saint Mary's	4	3	1	0	130	75	6		
Acadia	4	1	3	0	88	147	2		
Mt. Allison	4	0	4	0	81	181	0		

QUEBEC CONFERENCE									
GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pts			
Laval	5	4	1	0	188	49	8		
Montreal	5	4	1	0	177	82	8		
McGill	5	3	2	0	133	148	6		
Sherbrooke	4	2	3	0	105	123	4		
Concordia	5	1	4	0	83	157	2		
Bishop's	5	1	4	0	77	166	2		

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

ONTARIO CONFERENCE

GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pts			
Queen's	5	5	0	0	189	77	10		
Western Ont.	5	4	1	0	198	112	8		
Guelph	5	3	2	0	241	150	6		
McMaster	5	3	2	0	164	102	6		
Ottawa	5	3	2	0	132	103	6		
Wilfrid Laurier	5	3	2	0	127	89	6		
Windsor	5	3	2	0	67	168	4		
Waterloo	5	1	4	0	123	160	2		
Toronto	5	1	4	0	88	181	2		
York	5	0	5	0	57	244	0		

CANADA WEST CONFERENCE									
GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pts			
Calgary	5	4	1	0	207	128	8		
Regina	4	2	2	0	80	78	4		
Saskatchewan	4	3	1	0	75	87	6		
Manitoba	4	2	2	0	72	92	4		
Alberta	5	3	2	0	123	102	4		
Simon Fraser	5	2	3	0	123	115	4		
British Columbia	5	1	4	0	85	164	2		

WEEK SEVEN THURSDAY'S GAMES
York at Western Ontario, 8 p.m.
Toronto at McMaster, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
St. Francis Xavier at Acadia, 7 p.m.
Guelph at Ottawa, 8 p.m.

British Columbia at Saskatchewan, 9 p.m.
Simon Fraser at Regina, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Saint Mary's at Mount Allison, 2 p.m.
Windsor at Laurier, 2 p.m.
Quebec at Waterloo, 2 p.m.
Manitoba at Calgary, 4 p.m.

Carabins claim No. 1 position

CIS There's a new No. 1 in Canadian Interuniversity Sport football.

The Montreal Carabins, fresh off last weekend's 28-7 victory over the defending champion Laval Rouge et Or, climbed four spots to No. 1 in the CIS's latest national ranking.

Laval had been No. 1 for 25 straight weeks since the start of the 2007 season. The Atlantic University Sport-leading St. Francis Xavier X-Men (4-0) maintained their No. 6 standing while the Saint Mary's Huskies (3-1) moved up one spot to No. 7.

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Bruins lock up Lucic

The Boston Bruins have signed forward Milan Lucic to a \$12.25-million US, three-year contract extension. The deal, which will pay \$4 million in each of the first two years and \$4.25 million the third, will keep Lucic in Boston through the 2012-13 season. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Minnesota Twin Orlando Cabrera leaps into the arms of teammate Michael Cuddyer after hitting a two-run home run during the seventh inning against the Detroit Tigers last night.

Twins are in

AL CENTRAL TIEBREAKER

Tigers 5 Twins 6 (12 ings)



Alexi Casilla's one-out single in the bottom of the 12th inning scored Carlos Gomez from second base and the Minnesota Twins beat Detroit 6-5 in the AL Central tiebreaker last night, completing a colossal col-

lapse for the Tigers.

The Tigers became the first team in baseball history to blow a three-game lead with four games left. The Twins went 17-4 to pull even on the final weekend, then emerged with their fifth division title in eight years.

As Homer Hankies spiralled around the Metrodome, the Twins celebrated. They had 21 hours to get ready for Game 1 of the AL playoffs at Yankee Stadium. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Flyers beat Caps to stay perfect

NHL Danny Briere pounced on a loose puck and knocked in the rebound at 3:52 of overtime to keep the Philadelphia Flyers perfect and lift them over the Washington Capitals 6-5 last night.

Mike Richards bested Alex Ovechkin with his second career hat trick to help the Flyers improve to 3-0 for the first time since the 1998-99 season. Ovechkin scored twice and has five goals already on the season.

Ovechkin and Richards scored all their goals in a can-you-top-this second period. The teams scored seven times in the second, and Capitals goalie Semyon Varlamov was yanked for Jose Theodore.

Alexander Semin scored twice for the Capitals. Matt Carle had four assists for the Flyers.

Senators 2 Maple Leafs 1

At Toronto, Daniel Alfredsson's second-period goal on a penalty shot gave the Senators a victory over the Maple Leafs.

The Senators captain used a nifty backhand deke move against Jonas Gustavsson to help lift his team to its first victory of the young season.

Hurricanes 2 Lightning 1

At Raleigh, N.C., Tuomo Ruutu scored the final goal for the Hurricanes in a shootout, giving them a victory over the Lightning.

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Sports in brief

TENNIS Serena Williams needed only to win her second-round match at the China Open yesterday to reclaim the No. 1 ranking, because the current top-ranked player, Dinara Safina, couldn't get past that early round at the tournament. Safina lost to local wild card entry Zhang Shuai in the second round Monday, while Williams beat Ekaterina Makarova yesterday.

NHL Disgruntled Montreal forward Sergei Kostitsyn will join the AHL's Hamilton Bulldogs after all. Montreal Canadiens general manager Bob Gainey says Kostitsyn would be at the Bulldogs practice yesterday, ending a nearly week-long holdout.

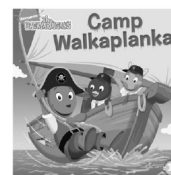
NFL Conservative talk radio

host Rush Limbaugh said yesterday he is teaming up with St. Louis Blues owner Dave Checketts in a bid to buy the St. Louis Rams, owners of the NFL's longest losing streak at 14 and just 5-31 since 2007. Forbes magazine has estimated the Rams franchise has a value of \$929 million US.

SOCCER Everton striker Jose Baxter has been arrested for possession of cannabis and counterfeit money. The 17-year-old Baxter was detained Monday in Liverpool along with two other men, aged 29 and 34. Baxter made his professional debut for Everton on the first day of last season, making him the club's youngest senior player at 16 years and 191 days.

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A Mercedes Canada loves

GLK cuts no corners when it comes to style and performance

JIM ROBINSON
for Metro Canada



While most manufacturers are shying away from offering new SUVs, Mercedes-Benz has no less than five, the newest being the "compact" GLK.

The reason compact is in quotes is because it's intermediate to my eyes although it is classified in the compact class.

But the compact SUV section is where the action is because they appeal to a lot of Canadians who aren't as keen on large trucks like our American neighbours.

And it could well be Mercedes-Benz has intentionally blurred this line to make it attractive to two sets of buyers.

Visually, it is more upright and squared off at the shoulders than a M-Class or big GL-Class and sculpted in angular lines with a touch of "Jeepness," a look that North Americans have come to identify with off-roaders.

The beefy exterior is offset by the luxurious interior that is similar in looks and feel to the M- and GL-Class. Mercedes cut no corners on appointments and materials.

The model we get here will be called the GLK 350 4Matic with the 3.5-litre, DOHC V6 found in just about everything Mercedes builds. In the GLK it produces 268 hp and 258 lb/ft of torque through the now, near standard 7G-Tronic seven-speed automatic/sequential transmission.



The 2010 Mercedes-Benz GLK 350 4Matic is called a compact SUV and is one of the automaker's bestselling vehicles in Canada; inside, the GLK 350 4matic is a combination of man-made or optional real leather and very wide range of standard and optional equipment.

2010 Mercedes Benz GLK 350 4Matic

Type: Compact luxury SUV
Price: from \$41,800
Engine: 3.5-litre, DOHC V8 (268 hp, 258 lb/ft.)

Highlights

- Compact SUV with the style of an off-roader
- Affordable Sport package

The GLK starts with the 3.5-litre and 4Matic all-wheel-drive at \$41,800.

After that, options are few but one Canadians love is purchasing the

base GLK and adding just the 20-inch alloy wheels and aluminum roof rails that come with the Sport Package (a steal at \$800) that look even bigger than they are if the truck is painted in black or silver.

The leather-lined (man-made or real) cabin is sumptuous with the driver and passenger getting Neck-Pro crash-responsive head rests that move forward to cup the head in an accident. Of course there is cruise and power everything, but the Mercedes Thematic dual-zone climate control is also standard and it really works.

The GLK 350 comes with what Mercedes calls its dynamic handling control system that includes anti-lock braking, Mercedes' own version of traction control called 4ETS that works in conjunction with the Electronic Stability Control (ESP) and electronic brake assist.

On the highway, the speed sensitive steering firms up nicely and the standard Agility Control (that automatically adapts the shock to changing road conditions) make for a ride more like big E-Class sedan.

Another standard fea-



ture is the 4Matic all-wheel-drive system. It goes well beyond simple "slip and grip" systems that really don't engage until it is sometimes too late. 4matic is permanently engaged with the result the driver doesn't have to worry about response times.

With this knowledge, the driver can contend with adverse road and/or weather conditions without having to switch to all-wheel-drive.

Silver most popular car colour, data shows

PAINT Silver in hues ranging from chrome to charcoal grey extended its reign as the most popular choice for car and truck paint across the globe this year, according to annual data collected by a leading paint maker.

Pittsburgh-based PPG Industries Inc. said silver has been the number one colour for nine straight years, accounting for 25 per cent of vehicle paint choices in the U.S., 35 per cent in Europe and 34 per cent in the Asia-Pacific region.

In the U.S., silver rose from 20 per cent of the market a year ago. White finished second at 18 per cent and black was third with 16 per cent. Red was a distant fourth at 12 per cent.

PPG, which includes shades of charcoal and grey in its silver category, said in a statement that the colour was popular because of new paint effects that make even dull shades of grey shine.

"Silver tones work well with today's tinted metallic textural looks," Jane Harrington, the company's manager of automotive colour styling, said in the statement.

North Americans' tastes have changed dramatically in the past 15 years, PPG said. In 1994, green was the most popular colour and only eight per cent of buyers chose silver.

PPG said its data includes the colour of cars built in North America in the 2009 model year.

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Never mind the cap

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If you've ever struggled with a gas cap, forgotten to put it back on, or had the "Check Engine" light up because you didn't tighten the cap enough, you'll appreciate Ford's Easy Fuel capless filler.

The system is now on several new Ford and Lincoln models, and will eventually be on all of them. You simply open the fuel filler door, push an inner flap out of the way with the gas pump nozzle, and refuel your vehicle.

"It's pretty much what it looks like," says Brian Aitken, supervisor for Ford's core fuel systems engineering in Michigan.

"It's a simple metal trap door held closed by latches at the 3 and 9 o'clock positions. Those latches are the hooks that keep the door closed. They have two little lobes that detect the diam-



Driving Force

Ford is currently the only automaker who offers a capless fuelling system in North America.

eter of the nozzle, so as the customer inserts the proper-diameter nozzle, they swing away left and right. That allows the nozzle to continue through and open the door."

The basic idea isn't new. Some early patents date back to 1939; Ford held a patent in 1991. The 2003 Ford GT, the company's exotic supercar, was the first to use it, "and I'm sure that

was mainly for the coolness factor," Aitken says. "We had two or three suppliers who had been showing off this technology to us." Ford's European branch was the first to use it in volume production, introducing it on the 2008 Ford Mondeo.

When the inner flap is closed, the filler pipe is completely sealed. This prevents escaping fuel vapours — a situation that can illuminate the engine

warning light.

Since diesel and gasoline nozzles are different sizes, the latches prevent filling with the wrong fuel, and also guard against a thief siphoning the tank. And Aitken says that while he definitely doesn't recommend it, "There are some people who have difficulty getting the cap off, so they don't bother to put it back on. They just set it back in there for next time."

Ford estimates that the valve will stay tight for 5,000 fill-ups, and the filler pipe is replaceable. The company is the only one currently offering the system in North America, but "it's such a handy technology, I expect to see it in other automakers," Aitken says. "There are different designs that use different technologies."

And if it makes refuelling so simple that you forget all about it, don't worry: each car comes with a special plastic funnel that will let you fill it with a portable gas can.

Road to hands-free

These days, it's a smart call to go hands-free while driving. Come Oct. 26, Ontario will be the latest Canadian province to ban handheld devices, including cellphones, in cars. The crackdown on distracted driving is catching on fast — Quebec and Nova Scotia have already done it while British Columbia is next up. To help you switch gears, Metro Drive will feature some in-car hands-free products throughout this month.

States of handheld

- **Already banned:** Newfoundland & Labrador, Quebec, Nova Scotia.
- **Upcoming ban:** Ontario, British Columbia.
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MOTOROLA H790

The mobile company claims its thinnest dual-microphone headset. The H790 is stylish for sure with its sleek design and easy wearability. It also delivers

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4Runner unveiled

Toyota recently revealed the all-new 2010 4Runner at the Georgian College Auto Show in Barrie, Ont. The latest 4Runner will start at \$36,800 — the same starting price as the 2009 model it replaces. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

The future's turbo

AutoPilot

Michael Goetz

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Turbocharging has been around almost as long as the internal combustion engine.

It didn't really become a regular feature on production cars until the mid-1970s, and its persona then tended toward rock star.

The poster boy for this scene was the just-released 1976 Porsche 911 Turbo.

This is the point in history when fuel economy started to be a concern, but also when hairy dudes strutted around in platform shoes, bell-bottom pants and polyester shirts that were difficult to button up all the way (I'm assuming); and the Porsche fit right in, with its wail tail spoiler, big fat rear

tires, and in-your-face turbo power.

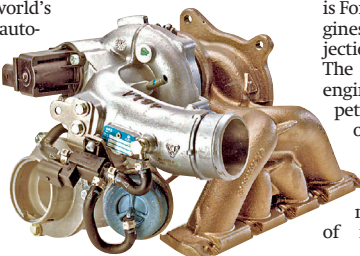
This is also when all forms of top level racing found the turbo religion, which subsequently created wild 1.5-litre engines that shrieked out 1,000 to 1,500 horsepower.

Today there are still many practitioners of hairy turbo machinery. But no longer is turbo technology shaped by a quest for ultimate power. Today's turbo era is being shaped by the proliferation of diesel engines, and the human and government cry for better fuel economy.

I recently spoke to Tom Grissom, director of business development for BorgWarner Turbo & Emissions Systems, one of the world's largest providers of automotive turbocharger systems.

"Turbocharging is in a developing stage

The essential piece of a turbocharger system is the "turbine," strategically placed to harness exhaust flow.



"Turbocharging is in a developing stage here in North America, but it will trend toward mainstream."

BorgWarner's Tom Grissom

here in North America, but it will trend toward mainstream, as the U.S. EPA emission and fuel requirements drive toward a 35 mpg fleet average in 2016," noted Grissom. "Fuel efficiency is best achieved through smaller displacement engines.



The automaker at the forefront of this kind of "mass market" turbo deployment in North America is Ford. Its new EcoBoost engines feature both direct injection and turbocharging.

"But if you simply downsize the engine, there will be customer dissatisfaction ... (Turbocharging) allows you to maintain the performance customers expect."

The automaker at the forefront of this kind of "mass market" turbo deployment in North America is Ford. Its new EcoBoost engines feature both direct injection and turbocharging. The automaker feels these engines will be able to compete with larger engines on power and torque, but better them in fuel efficiency. Ford has stated that by 2013, more than 90 per cent of its North American

nameplates will be available (standard or optionally) with an EcoBoost powerplant.

But BorgWarner feels the largest growth potential for turbo-charging systems worldwide may be with diesel engines.

Virtually any diesel engine introduced in the last few decades has been a turbocharged diesel engine. That black smoke you see coming out of old diesel cars and trucks, is that in certain drive cycles, there was too much diesel fuel in the combustion chamber compared to the amount of air that could get in there. A turbo can pack that cylinder with the appropriate

amount of air.

Now that they're this good and this useful, might turbochargers be as ubiquitous as cup holders one day? Grissom thinks not, because there will always be vehicles needed at the very bottom of the price ladder, and while diesels are growing in North America, they will not dominate as they have in Europe.

But except to see them in virtually every type of vehicle, and through every looming and questionable fashion movement.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-Type.

Honda Insight: First-gen hybrid surprisingly reliable

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
for Metro Canada



MODEL: 2000 to 2006 Honda Insight

VEHICLE TYPE: Hybrid Coupe

APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE: \$7,000 to \$10,000

HISTORY/DESCRIPTION:

Honda's second-generation Insight hybrid is now on sale after the original disappeared from market a few years back. The latter wasn't a bestseller or incredibly popular outside of its own enthusiast circles, but it was the first hybrid vehicle for sale in North America. All models got a one-litre gas engine bol-

stered by an Integrated Motor Assist (IMA) electric drive system. Combined output was rated at 70 horsepower. Insight owners don't win any drag races, but they are treated to mileage ratings of about 70 MPG or under 3.5L / 100km. Insight came solely as a compact two-seat, three-door hatch.

Look for power accessories, air conditioning, adjustable steering and remote access, as well as ABS, a CD chang-

er, and dual front airbags.

WHAT OWNERS LIKE: One word: mileage. Trips to the gas station are rare, and the Insight goes for ages on a single tank of fuel. The uniqueness and small

footprint of the car are other owner-stated pluses. Many say that the Insight is a just-right size for a personal vehicle that's ready to commute or head out of town for the weekend.

WHAT OWNERS HATE: Insight is a very specialized vehicle, and one

that's not free of compromise. In order to maximize fuel savings, the Insight had to be small — and the two-seat configuration left some owners wishing for more passenger volume.

COMMON ISSUES: Insight suffers from several issues like any used car — though surprisingly, none found came as the

result of its hybrid driveline. Problems included the audio system picking up interference when the rear wiper is turned on. Engine problems were centered around a check engine light that may illuminate due to a failed solenoid, as well as a cold-start issue that's fixed by reprogramming the engine computer.

THE VERDICT: Hybrids are full of rare and unproven technology, and many used-car shoppers won't touch one with a forty-foot pole. Thankfully, in the case of the Insight, things look pretty good.

Second Gear



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2010 GMC Terrain ready to hit dealers

NEW MODEL GMC has announced that its all-new Terrain five-passenger crossover SUV, now arriving in showrooms, will have a starting price of \$27,465 for the front-wheel drive model and \$29,075 for the all-wheel drive model.

"Built right here in Ingersoll, Ontario, the Terrain is the latest offering from GMC and takes the brand's engineering expertise and truck heritage into a smaller segment at the heart of today's



2010 GMC Terrain

crossover market," said Marc Comeau of GM Canada. The base SLE1 model comes standard with GM's new 2.4-litre direct-injec-

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Helping Loblaw help you

TIM WIECLAWSKI
Metro Canada

University and college grads today are enterprisingly the toughest labour market in generations, but smart companies also realize that it's a good time to stock up on talented young employees.

With unemployment rates for young adults hitting 16.4 per cent this past summer, Loblaw Companies Limited launched its grad@Loblaw program to recruit some of the best and brightest coming out of Canadian universities and colleges.

"We're taking a long-term approach to investing in talent and developing skills and abilities across colleagues," said Nan Ol-

"They spend time to help you learn everything that you need to go further."

Mark Dolan, grad from Halifax

droyd, Loblaw senior director of recruitment and diversity.

Over the next five years, Loblaw Companies Limited will be hiring 1,000 recent grads through the company's program.

Once selected for the 18-month training program, the grads immediately receive full-time salary and benefits while they prepare for careers in store management, IT, marketing, merchandising or finance.

The first six months of the program is spent training in various departments inside one of the stores.

"I went through the gro-

cery department. I did the grocery night crew, which is its own sort of animal. It's different from grocery days," said recent University of Ottawa grad Brian Partridge, who is currently in the first phase of the program at a store in Ottawa.

Despite having worked as a cashier at Loblaw for years, Partridge said he learned a lot from working in the other sections of the store.

After the first phase, graduates spend three months learning about the company's purchasing, promotions and inventory



Richard Rivera, manager, left, and Paul Sudarsan, a Toronto-based grad from Ryerson University, are seen here at a Toronto Real Canadian Superstore. Sudarsan is part of the grad@Loblaw program.

management. The final nine months are spent apprenticing in the position that they were hired to do, with the knowledge and experience from the previous rotations to help guide them.

After just five months learning at the store, Mark Dolan is already filling in as assistant store manager at a Superstore in Halifax.

Dolan graduated with a commerce degree in marketing but with years of warehouse experience, he's entered into the supply chain stream of the program.

Dolan said he was drawn to the programs for the career potential the support that a nation-wide company could offer.

"They spend time to help

you learn everything that you need to go further," he said. "A couple of the other opportunities I had were just to start a job straight away at the bottom line. This had more room for growth and more room to learn."

Another bonus was the chance to work close to home but still be with a company that has a lot of room for career growth.

"Our colleagues are our greatest strength" said Judy McCrie, executive vice-president, human resources. "The grad@Loblaw program is just one way that we are committed to attracting and retaining the best people to help ensure our long-term success."

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Dragons' Den

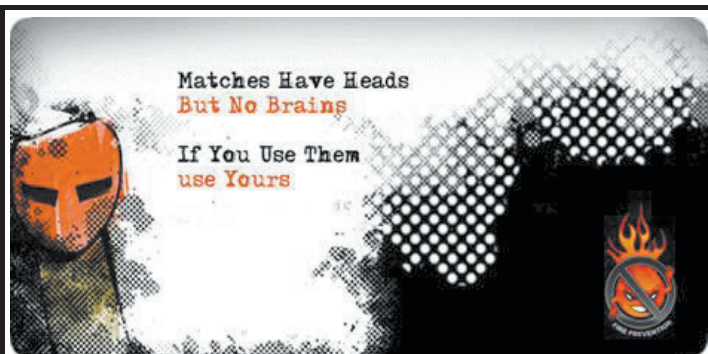
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You have to know what you're worth. Whether you are negotiating your salary for a new job, asking for a raise — or appearing on a reality show like *Dragons' Den* — you can't put a price tag on yourself unless you've spent some time figuring out what you can justify.

That's the first challenge for the eager entrepreneurs who come into the Den to try and convince a panel of Canadian multi-millionaires to invest money into their business. They have to put a number on how much of their company they're willing to sell, and for how much. There's a fascinating example of someone fighting for what they're worth on tonight's episode of *Dragons' Den*. Steve Sal Debus of Vancouver came to entice the Dragons to invest in his company Modrobes. He is trying to bring back this popular brand that disappeared in 2005. Check it out.

Dianne Buckner is the host of *Dragons' Den*. Tonight's episode airs at 8 p.m. on CBC. Follow Dianne on Twitter @DianneBuckner.



Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency's 2009 Fire Prevention Week theme is aimed at reducing the number of fires associated with, or caused by, the inappropriate use of matches & lighters.

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The bumpy road of 'reformed' civic justice

WorkplaceLaw

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Our civil justice system is one of workplace law's greatest flaws. Corporations, with expensive lawyers and deeper pockets, are permitted to make the costs of litigation too excessive for the average employee. By introducing new rules for Jan. 1, 2010, however, the Ontario government figured that would all change. Sweeping amendments to Ontario's civil procedure were designed to make lawsuits more accessible and cost-effective. The Attorney General's press release boasts that the reforms will make it less expensive to access justice and easier to use the courts to quickly resolve disputes.

But not so fast. In redesigning the rules, the government may have simply traded one set of problems for another. Ironically, many of the new rules may actually end up costing litigants more money and taking their cases longer to resolve. Here are some of those problems:

- Small Claims Court jurisdiction. The previous cap of \$10,000 on all small claims will be raised to \$25,000. While, at first blush, this appears to favour employees, who can now pursue more substantial claims without the necessity of retaining counsel, I have various concerns. The Small Claims court is already flooded with lawsuits and a roster of "deputy judges" that seldom have the time or training to resolve disputes without a trial. It is not unusual to wait up to a year for a trial or to appear on your court date only to have the matter rescheduled. Once the caseload increases, by proceeding in this forum, litigants will inevitably end up waiting even longer.

- Timelines for mandatory mediation will be extended. This will simply be used as a tool for defendants to postpone dealing with employee lawsuits. Currently, mandatory mediation sessions, where a majority of employment cases settle, must occur within a few months from

when the claim began. Often, it is the only tool employees have to force matters to proceed swiftly. This will soon be gone and with it, employees will spend more time and money before settling their cases or arguing them before a judge.

- Claims from \$25,000 to \$100,000 will now be "simplified claims."

In an employment lawsuit, employees' cases don't get better over time — they get worse. With a premium on speedy resolutions, many employment lawyers opted to proceed with simplified claims which provided a more streamlined procedure for trying cases, through prohibiting employers' typical strategies of delay. However, employers will now be permitted

to engage in examinations for discovery, which were previously forbidden, under this rule. Scheduling the examination and obtaining "undertakings," which are answers to questions that were avoided under oath, will now be an important element of all simplified cases, which renders them no longer simple at all. The result is that these claims will cost employees more and take longer to resolve under this rule than before and, as most claims fall within this monetary jurisdiction, few employees will be able to avoid it.

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Edgar Allan Poe, the master of literary gothic horror, has been fêted all year at events marking the bicentennial of his birth. On Sunday in Baltimore, he'll get the funeral he never had: Actors will portray Poe's friends and contemporaries. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Poe gets a proper burial

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Fernie on film

This ski season, B.C.'s Fernie Alpine Resort is looking forward to starring on the big screen. On Feb. 26, 2010, it will celebrate the release of a \$60 million US movie called *Hot Tub Time Machine*, a "retro" ski film set in 1986 that will feature John Cusack and one-piece ski suits. Fernie plays the back drop, and many locals play extras.

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Sunrise to sunset in South Beach

Be seen at the latest glamour hot spots in this Miami enclave

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With its mélange of sandy beaches, crashing ocean, Art Deco buildings and colourful residents, South Beach is a tiny strip of fun just across from mainland Miami. It's the perfect holiday playground whether you're looking to relax, go shopping, absorb some culture or go clubbing.

See the sunrise: On the beach in front of the Gansevoort South — and if you know what's good for you, you'll have treated yourself to a night in this majestic new hotel.



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Left, taking in the view from a balcony at the Gansevoort South. Right, a view of the Gansevoort's rooftop pool; you can party until 3 a.m. at the pool bar, Plunge.



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The Sunset Lounge at the Mondrian.

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The Gansevoort South comes complete with an enormous sun terrace; three pools; stylish, spacious bedrooms; and even sharks in the 15-metre fish tank in the lobby. You'll have also partied until 3 a.m. at the palm-fringed rooftop pool bar. Plunge — go for a dip if you're in fantastic shape or feeling brave; see gansevoorthotelgroup.com.

Have breakfast: Check out the parade of glamorous pensioners and wannabe gangstas as you tuck into strawberry and banana pancakes on the sunny terrace of The Pelican on Ocean Drive. The Pelican is the first hotel opened by the Italian fashion brand Diesel, pelicanhotel.com.

Take a morning stroll: Walk down Ocean Drive and admire the scenery — the beautiful Art Deco hotels on one side, buff surfers and bikini babes on the beach on the other. If you want a serious guide to the colourful 1930s and 1920s buildings, join one of the daily tours that start at the Art Deco District Welcome Center, mdpl.org. Taking it easy? Play a game of netball on the sand.

Have lunch: Order a huge burger at the 11th St. Diner (Washington Avenue at 11th Street), a stainless-

Good to know

How to get there: Miami International is a 20-minute drive from South Beach.

When to go: The weather is great all year round, although hurricane season is June to November. For a party buzz, visit during one of many festivals, join the hip art set at Art Basel Miami Beach in December, the

world's best DJs and music industry scenesters at the March Miami Winter Music Conference or catch the Latino vibe at the Carnival Miami in March.

Get around: Dollar-Thrifty car rental starts from \$62.09 US at dollar.com.

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steel eatery dating from 1946 that serves classic diner fare, including waffles and milkshakes.

Afternoon activities: Finish walking down Ocean Drive and have your photo taken on the steps of Casa Casuarina, the magnificent villa where fashion designer Gianni Versace was murdered. It's now a posh members-only club and luxury boutique hotel.

Next, explore Washington Avenue, a parallel route that features Art Deco houses and some shops along the way. Stroll north to Lincoln Road Mall at 16th Street, where you can stock up on chain-store staples as well as vintage clothing at Fly boutique and quirky homeware at Jonathan Adler. Reward yourself afterwards with a cocktail at one of the many nearby pavement cafés.

Watch the sunset: The Mondrian, an ultra-chic new hotel conceived as a

modern fairytale castle by Dutch design virtuoso Marcel Wanders, is on the right side of South Beach for watching the sun go down over the main city.

Order a cocktail and take your pick of the loungers and designer chairs on the ultra glamorous terrace. Forgotten your Rolls Royce or your Paul Smith toothbrush? Buy one at Semi-Automatic, the hotel's unique, outsized vending machine in the lobby.

Dine: If you're feeling flash, stay for dinner at the Mondrian's Asian-Latin fusion restaurant Asia De Cuba, one of the hippest, dressiest joints in town; mondrian-miami.com.

Alternatively, head back to Ocean Drive and install yourself on the terrace of a restaurant like The News Cafe for some top people-watching, as Spring Breaker types in their finest seduction outfits and show-offs in their bouncing low-rider cars cruise past.

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Polanski loses first battle in extradition

PEOPLE

Roman Polanski lost the first round yesterday in his battle to avoid extradition to the United States for having sex in 1977 with a 13-year-old girl.

Already locked in a Zurich cell for the last dozen days, Polanski learned he will remain incarcerated for an extended period as the Swiss Justice Ministry rejected his plea to be released from custody.

Swiss authorities expressed fear he might flee if freed from prison. The director of such film classics as *Rosemary's Baby* and *Chinatown* has been wanted by U.S. authorities since fleeing sentencing 31 years ago.

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Polanski

When movies give thanks

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada

If aliens learned about Thanksgiving from movies and television, they'd get a skewed idea of what the day is all about. In real life we express our gratitude for life's bounty, but on screen it's a different story.

"Thanksgiving is an emotional holiday," joked Johnny Carson. "People travel thousands of miles to be with people they only see once a year and then discover once a year is way too often."

Being less than thankful for family is a common theme in entertainment. The House of Yes saw Parker Posey ruin Thanksgiving when her favourite brother brings home his fiancée, and in *Pieces of April* a pre-Cruised Katie Holmes not only has to deal with a broken stove but a broken family as well.

Steve Martin and John Candy play an odd couple in Thanksgiving film *Planes, Trains and Automobiles*.

Home for the Holidays has a heart warming title that promises sweetness and light but director Jody Foster's Thanksgiving tale is anything but an ode to the holiday. It's the family reunion from hell for the Larson family, culminating in fist fights and emotional distress. The film's tone is summed up by Robert Downey Jr. who invites everyone to the dinner

table with the words, "Let's eat dead bird!"

The Larsons didn't gel, but as James D. Turner remarked in *Trading Places*, "It ain't cool being no jive turkey so close to Thanksgiving," so I dug deeper for examples of film families enjoying the holiday.

No luck.

The Ice Storm's backdrop of '70s suburban ennui sets the tone for a tragic climax

on Thanksgiving Day and Christina Ricci's acidic prayer. "Dear Lord," she says, "thank you for this Thanksgiving holiday. And for letting us white people kill all the Indians and steal their tribal lands. And stuff ourselves like pigs, even though children in Asia are being napalmed."

Cheery stuff! But not as grim as the Thanksgiving horror trailer from Grind-

Pricey photos

Madonna has accepted a "substantial" settlement from a British newspaper that published photos of her wedding to Guy Ritchie. The singer was suing for \$8 million. PEOPLE.COM

Movie feature

"People travel thousands of miles to be with people they only see once a year and then discover once a year is way too often."

Johnny Carson

house. "White meat, dark meat," cackles the announcer. "All will be carved."

At least *Planes, Trains and Automobiles*, about odd couple Steve Martin and John Candy trying to get home for Thanksgiving, is jammed packed with laughs, even if Martin isn't the most thankful man.

If Thanksgiving really was like it is in the movies the only thing we'd be giving thanks for is that it only comes around once a year.

You Say Party! We Say Die! make up and record new album XXXX

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

It's not easy being an over-worked Canadian indie band. Just ask *You Say Party! We Say Die!* whose members nearly came to blows on their last tour.

"One half of the camp was on one side of the street and the rest of us were on the other side," says the Vancouver-based band's lead singer Becky Ninkovic. "It took a day before the manager could even get us

in the van together."

It all started to fall apart on week 14 of their 16-week European tour. Ninkovic got sick, and without any breaks in the schedule, she had to push herself night after night. "It led pretty much to a total breakdown," she says.

Part of the problem was that the band, who despite three well-received records was still just an independent act trying to make a name, took every opportunity to play. That led to a packed itinerary and a rock

XXXX is the new album from *You Say Party! We Say Die!*

'n' roll lifestyle that they couldn't keep up with.

"There's so much alcohol and drugs pushed on you," says Ninkovic.

You Say Party finished the

tour, but when the band members got back to Canada they went their separate ways. Ninkovic retreated to her house where, she says, she underwent a sort of re-

birth. "I came to a place of brokenness and that's when the power came in. I had an epiphany after that brought me to a place of love."

It turns out the whole band was going through something similar. So it's not surprising that when the group members did reunite they created an album all about love. The title, XXXX, is Ninkovic's code word for love and warm

feelings of connectedness find their way into much of the lyrics.

The new disc is more focused and polished than other efforts. Now, with a new album, the grind starts again. However, don't expect another near-

brawl between the band.

"We know there's a breaking point now," says Ninkovic. "And I don't think we'll ever be yes people in quite the same way again."

You Say Party! We Say Die! plays the Paragon on Oct. 24

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Swine flu hits Backstreet

The Backstreet Boys' Brian Littrell has been diagnosed with swine flu. The other three current members — Nick Carter, Howie Dorough and A.J. McLean — have seen a doctor and are not showing any symptoms. USMAGAZINE.COM

Ticket to commercial success

Walmart TV jingle was a big break for Canadian singer-songwriter

GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM
for Metro Canada

Hannah Georgas isn't your typical Walmart shopper. She admits to shopping there maybe once or twice in her life.

Which is strange, since she's the current voice of the Walmart back-to-school TV ad campaign.

"I don't even own a TV," laughs Georgas in an interview from her East Vancouver home.

The spot has been running for several weeks across North America. Overtop images of worried moms packing kids off to college, Georgas sings a catchy little jingle in an almost childlike voice:

"Wherever you may go, no matter how unknown, don't ever feel alone. You've got a place to call home."

There's a glockenspiel chiming sweetly in accompaniment.

The ad is so popular that Walmart extended its run by a few weeks and made

the song available for free download on its website.

Georgas wrote and recorded the 30-second jingle about two months ago with her producer, Ryan Guldmond (of Vancouver alt-rock band Mother Mother).

It took them all of about six hours. Three weeks ago they went back into the studio to record a complete three-minute version of Place Called Home. They're hoping to have it available soon on iTunes.

The Walmart commercial is a huge boost to Georgas's new career. The 27-year-old singer-songwriter released a six-song EP in January and is working on a full-length album, which is to be released in March 2010.

A year ago, the native of Newmarket, Ont., was performing at open stages in Vancouver pubs. Now she's on a national tour with the up-and-coming Vancouver band Said the Whale.

Her voice and style have been invited comparisons

Online and live

- Hannah Georgas has recorded a three-minute version of her Walmart jingle, Place Called Home. It's available for free download on Walmart's website, and the singer hopes to have it on iTunes soon.
- Georgas plays the Toothsy Moose Oct. 21

to Feist, another Canadian singer-songwriter who scored a smash hit with a TV commercial (1 2 3 4, for iPod).

Georgas's break came this summer in a small New York club called The Living Room.

"There was barely anybody in there watching me," she says.

"There was a man who worked for a company called the Martin Agency. He came up to me and said, 'Hey, I really liked your set. Would you be interested in writing a jingle for Walmart?'"

"And I said, 'OK.'"



Hannah Georgas, a native of Ontario who lives in Vancouver, has been compared to another Canadian musician, Feist.

Letterman apologizes

TELEVISION A contrite David Letterman apologized to his wife, Regina Lasko, on air Monday night, acknowledging she had been "horribly hurt" by his affairs with co-workers, and that he has his work cut out for him in repairing his marriage. Nielsen's overnight ratings gave Letterman's Late Show on CBS a 4.2, higher than NBC's prime-time ratings. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

In brief

TOP TITLES The finalists for the 2009 Scotiabank Giller Prize were announced yesterday:

- CBC broadcaster **Len MacIntyre**, for his debut novel, *The Bishop's Man*
- **Anne Michaels** for *The Winter Vault*, her first novel since the acclaimed *Fugitive Pieces*
- **Annabel Lyon**, for her debut novel, *The Golden Mean*
- **Colin McAdam**, for his second novel, *Fall*
- **Kim Echlin**, for her third novel, *The Disappeared*

The winner, who receives \$50,000, will be announced Nov. 10 at a dinner in Toronto. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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You say "selfish" like it's a bad thing. Sometimes looking out for yourself is the right thing to do, as Jules (Courteney Cox) discovers when putting the needs of her family and friends first results in a disastrous 10th date with her new boyfriend, Josh (Nick Zano). Bobby (Brian Van Holt), on the other hand, needs to learn the opposite lesson and act like a responsible father to Travis (Dan Byrd) in the new episode "Don't Do Me Like That." 10:30 PM on ABC



South Park

Fans get two hilarious story lines for the price of one in "Ike's Wee Wee." Kyle misunderstands what circumcision is about and tries to save his little brother, Ike, from what most males would consider a fate worse than death. School counselor Mr. Mackey, meanwhile, is fired for giving the students an anti-drug lecture that's a little too "hands-on." 6:30 PM on COMEDY

The Tudors

"Pilgrimage of Grace" sounds so benign. But the Catholic uprising in the north of England is far from a nonviolent gathering of the devout. In this new episode, Henry (Jonathan Rhys Meyers) has sent Brandon (Henry Cavill) to deal with the rebellion while he's stuck in bed when his old jousting injury acts up. Never at a loss for something to do in bed, he takes a new mistress. 9 PM on CBC

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Penelope Cruz and her boyfriend, fellow Spanish actor Javier Bardem, are engaged, people.com reports. Cruz's rep had no comment and Bardem's rep said, "I really don't know, but would not be able to say anything even if I did." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Wedding bells in Spanish beauty's future?

Celebrity Buzz

Letterman's Hollywood love-in

FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES Now David Letterman knows who his friends are — and there are plenty of them, people.com reports.

At the New York screening of the HBO documentary *Good Hair*, its star and co-director Chris Rock had nothing but the best to say about Letterman, blackmail scandal or no.

"He's the greatest host in the world," said Rock, 44, at The Cinema Society event sponsored by Target. "I would never make a disparaging comment about David Letterman."

Talk-show host Wendy Williams is also behind Letterman 100 per cent. "I like him even more," she said.

"He did a disgusting thing. But I thought it was really great that he came out and told his own story. The real crime is the blackmail."

Some didn't even see

anything wrong with revelations that Letterman had carried on affairs with women who worked for him.

"I don't see anything wrong with it," said Sandra Denton, better known as Pepa of Salt-n-Pepa. "I might have been one of the girls. He's a man ... and he's

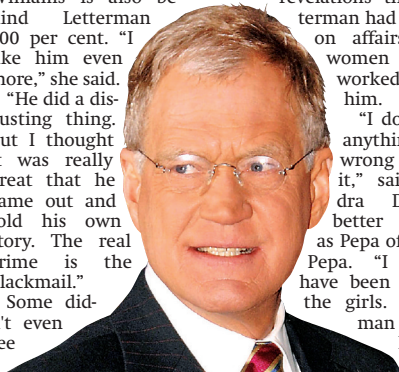
kind of cute!"

Susie Essman, who plays Larry David's foil and best friend's tough-as-nails wife on *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, admitted she hadn't thought Letterman was a saint before, but she also said people should treat the matter like adults.

"I wasn't like 'Oh, not David. It couldn't be!'" she said.

"He had a relationship with somebody. What's the big deal? He wasn't married. He wasn't cheating on his wife."

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Violet-eyed icon needs heart help

DAME ELIZABETH Elizabeth Taylor says she's headed to the hospital for a heart procedure.

The 77-year-old actress tells her followers on Twitter that she is to undergo a "very new" procedure to improve heart function that "involves repairing



my leaky valve using a clip device" rather than open-

heart surgery.

"Any prayers you happen to have lying around I would dearly appreciate," Taylor wrote yesterday, adding that she plans to inform her 157,389 Twitter followers when the procedure is complete.

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Lohan's daddy afraid of drugs

FATHERLY CONCERN Michael Lohan is afraid prescription drugs will be the end of his daughter, Lindsay Lohan, and he's vowing to do something about it. "You know why Lindsay's not acting in feature films right

now? Because she can't," he said. Because the girl with all the talent is hidden and buried deep inside this fungus that's grown because of the prescription drugs," he tells Radar Online. "I'm going to get her off the pre-

scription drugs that she's on."

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Bubl  pumps up before shows

LADIES LOVE IT Michael Bubl  may be better known for his pipes than his pecs, but both get a workout when the Grammy winner gets set to sing.

To clear out his sinuses before performing, "I do push-ups, it opens me up," the Canadian tells people.com. He also admits he wears Breathe-

Right strips, but laments that he looks like "such a nerd."

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Now Elton can have kid for money ... Oh, and a place to live, dad says

THAT'S NICE Elton John can help a Ukrainian child if he financially supports the boy's father, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Ex-drug addict Sergey, 31 — who is HIV positive and served eight years in jail for murder — will agree to the singer becoming guardian of his son if he also helps him start a new life.

"I'm not against the idea of Elton becoming a guardian. I would be willing to meet him and talk about it," he said. "I don't mind my boy going to Britain to be with Elton — as long as I can go too, so I can take care of him."

Sergey's comments come a

day after 15-month-old Lev's mother, Marina — an HIV positive alcoholic who lives apart from Sergey — said she would never give her son to Elton, 62, for money.

Lev and his brother Artyom, three, were both taken to an orphanage in the town of Makeyevka after their parents were deemed unfit to look after them.

Shoemaker Sergey believes his family could be reunited.

He added to Britain's *The Sun* newspaper: "I know Elton is a rich man. Maybe he could help Marina and me and the boys get an apartment so we could be a family again."

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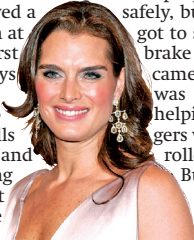


Shields survives plane 'crash'

OOPS Brooke Shields and Jim Belushi survived a minor plane crash at the famous Hearst Castle a few days ago TMZ reports. San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Dept. tells TMZ Shields and Belushi were being flown to an event at the castle. The

Cessna prop plane landed safely, but the pilot forgot to set the parking brake after the plane came to a stop. He was in the back helping the passengers when the plane rolled into a 2010 Buick SUV.

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Security called off at Jackson mausoleum

RIP Just weeks after his burial, the round-the-clock security at Michael Jackson's mausoleum appears to have been scaled back, according to TMZ.

Sources say the private security guards hired to monitor the site at Forest Lawn Memorial Park appear to have left, while Forest Lawn officials insist Jackson's mausoleum is still under 24-hour surveillance.

They also point out that there hasn't been a suspicious incident since the burial.

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Celebrity tweets


Tila Tequila has a very specific activity in mind, and **Ricky Martin** has a pretty full day.

• **@OfficialTila** I need a tongue massage very badly right now. That would allow me to rest easy and be free from dark thoughts. TONGUE MASSAGE! GIVE IT 2 ME!

• **@ricky_martin** pool, lots of sun block, dirty diapers, nap, reading this sad article on children of war, & thinking on the fact that i hv 2 stop eating red meat



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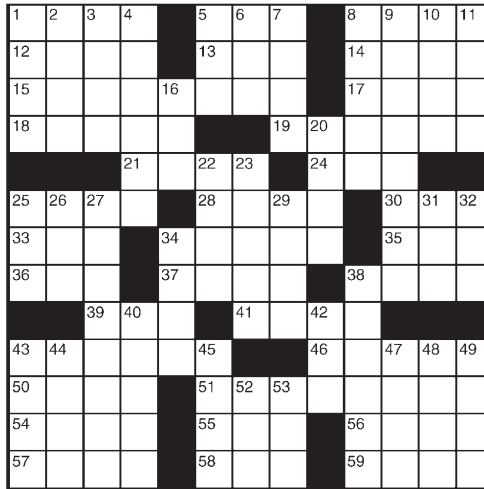
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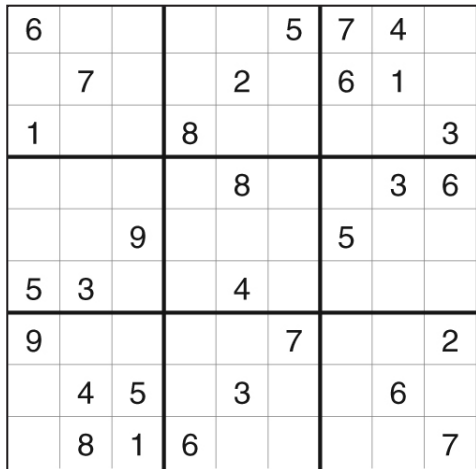
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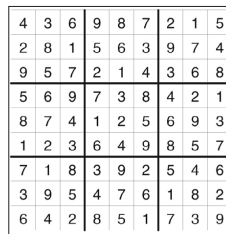
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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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Metro Recipe of the Day



Crab-Topped Fish Fillets

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 sole, orange roughly or cod fillets
- 1 can (6 oz/170 g) crabmeat, drained and flaked or 1 cup (250 ml) imitation crabmeat, chopped
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) mayonnaise
- 1 tsp (5 ml) lemon juice
- Paprika
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) slivered almonds, toasted

METHOD:

1. Place fillets in greased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. (33 cm x 23 cm x 5 cm) baking dish. Bake, uncovered, at 350 F (180 C) 18-22 minutes or until fish

flakes easily with fork.

2. Meanwhile, in bowl, combine crab, Parmesan cheese, mayonnaise and lemon juice.

3. Drain cooking juices from baking dish; spoon crab mixture over fillets. Broil 5 in. (13 cm) from heat for 5 minutes or until topping is lightly browned. Sprinkle with paprika and almonds.

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A relationship that has suffered some neglect will be on your mind today. It can still be successful but only if you are prepared to work at it.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
What do you want out of life? Why are you not getting it? Most likely it's because you are spending too much time on matters of lesser importance.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
What you say and do over the next 24 hours will determine the level of success you enjoy over the next few weeks.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Do partners and loved ones feel as good about themselves as you feel about yourself? Point out all the wonderful things they possess.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Your ambitions may seem impractical to some but what do they know and what do you care? Get ahead and stay ahead.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Keep in mind at all times that the things you focus on today are the things you will most likely be doing tomorrow, so don't limit your horizons.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You are worrying for no good reason about how much something is going to cost. If it is what you truly desire then don't worry about the financial side.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Finances are under good stars at the moment and the advice you get from a trusted friend could make you some big bucks before the end of the year.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
The message of the stars for you today is that you need to learn how to appreciate what you already possess.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Do you fantasize about running away and starting again from scratch? Take charge of your life and make it so you don't need to run away. Do it today.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Your daily routine is making too many demands on your time and your energy and you need to find ways to break this negative cycle.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You're in one of your conspiracy moods and will go all out to discover what "the powers that be" are trying to keep from you.

This day in history

- OCT. 7, 1763: George III of Great Britain issues British Royal Proclamation of 1763, closing aboriginal lands in North America north and west of Alleghenies to white settlements.
- OCT. 7, 1840: Willem II becomes King of the Netherlands.
- OCT. 7, 1944: World War II: Uprising at Birkenau concentration camp, Jews burn down the crematoria.
- OCT. 7, 1982: Cats opens on Broadway and runs for nearly 18 years before closing on September 10, 2000.
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